

## **IC 20-5-17**

### **Chapter 17. Children's Museum in Marion County**

## **IC 20-5-17-1**

### **Definitions**

Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, the term "children's museum" means any museum located in a county containing a consolidated city, if such museum is incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana without stock and without purpose of gain to its members, and is organized for the purpose of maintaining in said county a permanent museum containing objects and items of interest primarily for children, and for the encouragement and education of children.

(b) As used in this chapter, the term "township" means a school township that is located in a county containing a consolidated city. The term "township trustee" means the duly elected trustee of the civil township in which the school township is located. The term "township board" means the township board of such township.

(c) As used in this chapter, the term "incorporated town" means an incorporated town located in a county containing a consolidated city. The term "board of school trustees" means the school board of such town.

*(Formerly: Acts 1955, c.24, s.1; Acts 1961, c.22, s.1.) As amended by P.L.8-1987, SEC.44; P.L.12-1992, SEC.108.*

## **IC 20-5-17-2**

### **Financial assistance of township trustee or board of school trustees; amount; budget and appropriation**

Sec. 2. (a) By and with the consent of the township board the township trustee may provide financial assistance to children's museums. This assistance shall be paid from the funds of the school township, shall be budgeted and appropriated as is otherwise provided by law, and shall be in an amount each year of not to exceed the product of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) multiplied by the average daily attendance of children enrolled in grades one (1) to eight (8) inclusive in the public schools of said township, as shown on the last preceding annual report to the state superintendent of public instruction. The assistance shall be payable annually, and may in the discretion of the trustee and the township board continue annually thereafter, provided that the board of trustees or other governing body of such children's museum has accepted by resolution the provisions of this chapter and has filed a certified copy of such resolution with the township trustee of said township prior to the date of the first payment.

(b) The board of school trustees of any town may provide financial assistance to children's museums. This assistance shall be paid from the funds of the school town and shall be in an amount each year of not to exceed the product of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) multiplied by the average daily attendance of children enrolled in grades one (1) to eight (8) inclusive in the public schools of said town, as shown on the last preceding annual report to the state

superintendent of public instruction. The assistance shall be payable annually and, may, in the discretion of the board of school trustees, continue annually thereafter, provided that the board of trustees or other governing body of such children's museum has accepted by resolution the provisions of this chapter and has filed a certified copy of such resolution with the board of school trustees prior to the date of the first payment.

*(Formerly: Acts 1955, c.24, s.2.) As amended by P.L.8-1987, SEC.45.*

### **IC 20-5-17-3**

#### **Prerequisites for financial aid**

Sec. 3. (a) No such children's museum shall be entitled to receive any financial assistance as provided in section 2 of this chapter, until the board of trustees or other governing body of the museum shall have agreed with the township trustee or board of school trustees, by proper resolution, to do the following:

(1) To allow the county superintendent of schools of said county to attend all meetings of the board of trustees or other governing body of such children's museum in order that such superintendent may be advised as to the work done and proposed to be done by the museum.

(2) To permit the township trustees of any township or board of school trustees of any town furnishing financial assistance to a children's museum to nominate persons eligible for membership on the board of trustees or other governing body of the museum, from which list or lists of persons so nominated one (1) member shall be elected by such museum as a member of the board of trustees or other governing body of the museum, and such member so elected shall represent any and all such townships and towns.

(3) To grant free admission to the museum and galleries to all school children and teachers of any township or town that furnishes financial assistance to the museum.

(4) To permit the use, at all reasonable times and in all reasonable ways, of the plant, equipment, and facilities of the museum for the purpose of educating the schoolchildren of the township or town.

(5) To permit the use of the services of the personnel of the museum, at all reasonable times and in all reasonable ways, under the direction of the museum, provided, however, that such services are consistent with the regular established duties of such personnel.

(6) To permit the loan of all suitable and available objects and items from the museum's collection to any school of the township or town to aid and supplement the curriculum of the school.

(b) A copy of said resolution shall be filed in the office of the township trustee, or with the secretary of the board of school trustees, as a condition precedent to the receipt by the museum of any financial assistance provided in this chapter.

*(Formerly: Acts 1955, c.24, s.3.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.546.*

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##### **New resolutions for financial assistance not required**

Sec. 4. After such children's museum shall have qualified, according to the provisions of this chapter, to receive financial assistance from any township or town, the board of trustees or the governing body of the museum shall not be required to adopt new resolutions from year to year, but each such original resolution shall continue and remain in full force and effect until by like resolution, certified and filed, the original resolution is revoked or rescinded.

*(Formerly: Acts 1955, c.24, s.4.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.547.*

#### **IC 20-5-17-5**

##### **Duration of entitlement to benefits**

Sec. 5. For as long as the board of trustees or governing body of any such children's museum shall do and perform or are willing and ready to perform all things necessary to qualify the museum to receive the benefits provided by this chapter, such museum shall be entitled to such benefits.

*(Formerly: Acts 1955, c.24, s.5.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.548.*